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## **“Operation Safe Halloween” Reveals Guns, Knives, Porn... November 1, 2013**

Eight Registered sex offenders were arrested last night and weapons and pornography were seized in a County-wide special operation conducted by Los Angeles County Probation’s elite Special Enforcement unit.



Assistant Chief Margarita Perez was on the operation that searched 54 locations. “Year-two of “Operation Safe Halloween” is about enhancing public safety by having Probation Officers in their community. Probation needs to see offenders in their home environment, whether it is to see if they need services or in this case, to see whether they are complying with court orders and following the law.”



Probation’s Special Enforcement unit seized computers, a rifle, .380 caliber hand gun, mini-I-pad, I-phone and pornography, all of which are violations of the conditions of probation for these registered sex offenders. In at least two locations, young children were found in the same residence as the offender. The Department of Children and Family Services was also on the operation and is conducting an investigation.

Probation officers have the unique ability to ‘flash’ incarcerate for probation violations. Flash incarcerations result in immediate jail time. This enables Probation Officers to play an even more of vital role in public safety, even as Probation brings rehabilitative services to stabilize and reintegrate criminal offenders.

This is the second annual “Operation Safe Halloween”.

**For more photos and on the scene reporting from Operation Safe Halloween, please go to our Twitter feed at @LACProbation**

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